

[Translation]

Conservation of Energy

949. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are making efforts in Delhi and other divisions to save the energy in railway operations;

(b) if so, the total quantum of energy saved in Delhi division during last year and the target fixed to save energy in the current year;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any special scheme for conservation of energies in railway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes sir.

(b) On the non-traction side in Delhi division the pro-rata electrical consumption has come down in 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90 by 1.7 million units. Target for the current year is 3.0 million units. Specific energy or fuel consumption are strictly not divisional indices but pertain to a railway as a whole.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Energy conservation is sought to be achieved mainly by phasing out the thermally inefficient steam locos strict watch on electricity consumption as also by installation of fuel efficient kits, fitment of energy meters, coasting, installation of capacitor banks etc.

Homoeopathic Medical Colleges

950. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the

Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have Homoeopathic Medical Colleges;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up Homoeopathic Medical Colleges in those States which have no such colleges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) All States except Goa Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura have Homoeopathic Medical Colleges.

(b) There is not such proposal, at present.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Pollution caused by Steel Plants

951. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the steel plants which are causing pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of pollution being caused by these steel plants;

(d) whether some of these steel plants have been issued notice by the Central and State Pollution Control Boards; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Certain pollutants such as phenol in the coke oven effluents and particulates in the steel melting shop emissions, exceed the prescribed limits. The Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions to the State Pollution Control Boards of Orissa Madhya Pradesh West Bengal and Bihar to ensure that the steel plants namely, Rourkela Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant, Indian Iron & Steel Company Bhilai Steel Plant Bokaro Steel Plant and Tata Iron and Steel Company to comply with the prescribed standards within a specified time-bound programme.

(e) The units have initiated action to meet the prescribed standards.

[Translation]

Renovation of Bridges

952. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway bridges in the country that are more than 60 years old and need to be reconstructed;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether an old bridge between Bombay and Igatpuri, needs to be reconstructed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-

LIKARJUN): (a) 55 nos. have been identified for rebuilding.

(b) and (c). All bridges are inspected annually to identify the bridges required to be rebuilt/strengthened/repared.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The existing 2/4.57 m Arch Bridge at Km. 113/1-2 on Bombay-Igatpuri Section is being rebuilt.

Train Linking Eastern Part with Agra

953. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce super-fast trains linking Eastern part of the country and Bombay with Agra in order to facilitate tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Rail Projects in Karnataka

954. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEER-APPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have forwarded certain proposals to the Union Government for laying new rail lines;